

Stocking Program

During the past 6 years, CDFG has planted more than 49 million combined salmon and trout annually in hundreds of locations throughout California. Trout have been planted in high mountain lakes, urban lakes, low elevation reservoirs, and various streams and creeks. Salmon have been planted mostly in rivers and direct tributaries to the Pacific Ocean, with the exception of inland Kokanee, coho, and Chinook salmon populations that have been planted in lakes and reservoirs.

Fish are stocked in various waters from different hatchery facilities depending on where they are located, what waters they will stock, and what program they are supporting. These fish are stocked based on a number of factors including demand for angling, origin of fish to be stocked, health of the ecosystem where the fish will be stocked, and avoidance of conflicts with other species.

Fingerling and Sub-Catchable Program

Trout are stocked at 3 to 6 inches in length and sometimes larger into a productive environment that supports growth and survival, but where spawning habitat is inadequate. Examples of this stocking effort are:

- ▶ Aerial stocking of fingerlings in high mountain lakes
- ▶ Stocking of Kokanee salmon in productive reservoirs
- ▶ Stocking of sub-catchable fish in water bodies such as Crowley Lake

Catchable Program

Trout are stocked at 10 to 12 inches or larger in length in heavily fished and easily accessible waters for anglers. These waters normally lack the natural production to support angler demand. Small roadside lakes and streams are often included in this stocking effort.